



# Christine N. Fletcher

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## Overview

Christine Fletcher has over two decades of experience advising clients through the legal aspects of personal life. Her practice concentrates on estate planning, trust and estate administration, probate litigation, and family business matters. She assists individuals and families with creating sophisticated estate plans, minimizing estate taxes and ensuring assets pass to intended recipients while navigating certain legalities, including death, marriage, prenuptial agreements and buying out a family business.

In her estate planning work, Christine addresses the complexities caused by second marriages and blended families, divorce and crises. She is also adept at developing plans with a charitable purpose while still providing for family members and loved ones in a tax-efficient manner.

Christine counsels clients on international asset plans for transitional and tax issues associated with having assets abroad. In probate courts, she helps clients probate estates, petition for guardianships and maneuver through disputes arising from contested estates. In addition, Christine advises clients with closely held or family-owned businesses with business succession planning or sale.

When matters are disputed, Christine presents clients with options and solutions advising as to risks and possible outcomes. She also provides practical advice to maneuver through the court system in an efficient and effective manner.

## Education and Credentials

### Education

Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1994

Boston University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1991

### Admissions

State of New York

State of New Jersey

State of New Hampshire

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Practices & Industries

[Fiduciary and Probate Litigation](#)

[International Trust & Estates](#)

[Private Client](#)

[Tax Exempt Organizations & Charitable Giving](#)

[Trust & Estates](#)

## Affiliations

Boston Estate Planning Council, Board of Directors (2020-2023)

Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum

National Association of Estate Planners & Councils

The Boston Foundation, Professional Advisors Committee

## Recognition and Community

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## Recognitions

Selected to the list of Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers, Trusts and Estates, 2021-2025

Recognized as a Top Author in Wealth Management, *JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards*, 2020

Selected to the list of Women Worth Watching® by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, 2018

## Insights

How To Determine What State Law Applies To Your Trust

Forbes.com, March 17, 2025

Why Do You Need A Prenup If You Have A Trust?

Forbes.com, November 24, 2025

What The One Big Beautiful Bill Means For Your Estate Plan

Forbes.com, August 4, 2025

Protecting Your Child's Wealth: 5 Ways To Extend A Trust

Forbes.com, February 26, 2025

Post-Election Estate Tax Planning Requires A Cautious Approach

December 3, 2024

Why You Might Not Want to Waive Alimony in Your Prenup

Forbes.com, September 23, 2024

5 Things You Should Know About Trustee Fees

July 29, 2024

Why Skipping Probate Could Save Time and Money

May 20, 2024

Navigating The Corporate Transparency Act: Estate Plan Implications

March 4, 2024

Unhappy With Your Trustee? Here Are 5 Ways to Remove or Replace That Person

December 22, 2023

Day Pitney Boston Office Hosts Client Holiday Event at Wang Theatre

November 29, 2023

Should You Tell Your Beneficiaries What They Will Inherit? 10 Estate Planning Tips

November 28, 2023

Tax Planning For Your Second Home: 6 Things to Know and Some Options to Explore

October 30, 2023

UPDATED: Massachusetts Legislature Passes Wide-Ranging Tax Bill Impacting Estate and Income Taxes

September 29, 2023

How to Protect Your Loved Ones from Predator Spouses

September 28, 2023

Massachusetts Appeals Court Rules That Interest in an Irrevocable Trust Is a Marital Asset

September 14, 2023

10 Tips For Using An LLC To Minimize Your Rental Real Estate Liability And Maximize Your Estate Planning

May 23, 2022

5 Reasons You Must File An Estate Tax Return (Even When No Tax Is Due)

May 10, 2023

10 Costly Estate Planning Mistakes

March 16, 2023

Breaking Up Real Estate Is Hard To Do. A Cohabitation Agreement Can Help

February 21, 2023

8 Tips For Tax-Free Gifting In 2023

February 1, 2023

5 Estate Planning Strategies To Support Someone Struggling With Mental Health Challenges

October 27, 2022

7 Ways To Protect Your Assets Before Your Significant Other Dies

August 30, 2022

6 Steps To Creating A Trust You Can Trust

July 28, 2022

Divorcing With A SLAT – 5 Things You Should Know

June 21, 2022

What Is The GST Tax?

April 19, 2022

Make Time to Start and Finish Your Estate Plan

Forbes.com, March 29, 2022

7 Considerations for Distributing Trust Assets to Your Children

February 28, 2022

Protecting Your Inheritance From Your Spouse

February 8, 2022

10 Tips for Being a Terrific Trustee

January 19, 2022

What Happened to the Expected Year-End Estate Tax Changes?

December 1, 2021

5 Ways People Mess Up Their Estate Plan

October 26, 2021

What You Need to Know About the \$11 Million Estate Tax Exemption Going Away

September 28, 2021

What Gen Z Needs to Know About Estate Taxes

August 10, 2021

5 Power of Attorney Clauses You Need to Focus On

July 19, 2021

Should You Disinherit Your Child?

June 28, 2021

5 Best Practices for Virtual vs. In-Person Notarization

June 8, 2021

5 Reasons to Have Your Parents' Estate Plan Reviewed

May 25, 2021

5 Ways to Prevent Lost Heirs From Ruining Your Estate Plan

April 30, 2021

5 Ways to Protect Your Bank Account After you Die

April 16, 2021

4 Things You Should Know About Silent Trusts

March 30, 2021

Should Your Life Insurance be in an Irrevocable Trust?

February 25, 2021

Should a SLAT Be Part of Your Estate Planning?

Forbes.com, February 16, 2021

5 Ways a Democratic Controlled White House, Senate, and House Could Affect Your Estate Planning

Forbes.com, January 27, 2021

Your Spouse is Dying: 5 Ways to Get Your Estate in Order Now

Forbes.com, January 20, 2021

Does Your Adult Child Need A Will?

Forbes.com, December 21, 2020

What Does a Biden White House Mean for Estate Taxes

Forbes.com, November 30, 2020

Demystifying the Estate Plan

Forbes.com, October 30, 2020

If Biden Wins, Should You Gift?

Forbes.com, October 19, 2020

What You Need To Know About Updating Your Power of Attorney Now

Forbes.com, September 30, 2020

Thinking About the Unthinkable in Your Estate Planning

Forbes.com, September 16, 2020

Divorcing During COVID? 5 Things Your Need to Know

Forbes.com, July 31, 2020

**Don't Overlook Your Trust Funding**

Forbes.com, July 13, 2020

**Who Will Pay Your Estate Taxes?**

Forbes.com, June 12, 2020

**Should 'Do Not Resuscitate' Be Part of Your Estate Plan?**

Forbes.com, May 28, 2020

**Administering an Estate During The COVID-19 Crisis (old)**

Forbes.com, April 29, 2020

**6 Parts of Your Estate Plan You Should Review Now**

Forbes.com, April 15, 2020

**Eight Estate Planning Strategies in a COVID-19 World,**

Forbes.com, March 23, 2020

**Take Advantage of Trump's Tax Law Benefits Before They Are Gone**

Forbes.com, February 27, 2020

**10 Estate Planning ways to Say 'I Love You'**

Forbes.com, February 14, 2020

**10 Tips for Choosing a Guardian for Your Minor Child**

Forbes.com, January 19, 2020

**Will the SECURE Act Make Your Retirement More Secure**

Forbes.com, January 19, 2020

**Why UTMA Accounts Are Not as Simple as They Seem**

Forbes.com, December 12, 2019

**Why You Should Take Advantage of Trump's Estate Tax Laws Now**

Forbes.com, November 15, 2019

**The Pros and Cons of Electronic Wills**

Forbes.com, October 25, 2019

**What Family Businesses Need to Know About Gifting Business Interests**

Forbes.com, October 19, 2019

**7 Ways That Beneficiary Designations Can Mess Up Your Estate Plan**

Forbes.com, September 26, 2019

**9 Things You Need To Know About Power of Attorney**

Forbes.com, September 12, 2019

**Why You Should Change Your Will Now**

Forbes.com, August 27, 2019

**Keeping Your Estate Planning Documents Safe**

Forbes.com, August 16, 2019

**Why Writing Your Own Will Is a Bad Idea**

Forbes.com, July 29, 2019

**Six Ways to Protect Your Surviving Spouse From A Charlatan**

Forbes.com, June 27, 2019

**A Beginner's Guide to Reading a Trust**

Forbes.com, June 17, 2019

How to Choose a Trustee  
Forbes.com, May 31, 2019

8 Things You Need to Know About The Death Tax Before You Die  
Forbes.com, May 20, 2019

6 Estate Planning Tips for Blended Families  
Forbes.com, May 20, 2019

How To Avoid the 8 Biggest Executor Mistakes  
Forbes.com, April 11, 2019

Special Needs Kids Require Specialized Estate Planning  
Forbes.com, March 27, 2019

5 Estate Planning Strategies for Singles  
Forbes.com, March 15, 2019

10 Reasons Why You Need a Trust  
Forbes.com, February 21, 2019

6 Ways to Protect Your Foreign Assets in Estate Planning  
Forbes.com, February 21, 2019

9 Things You Need to Know About Estate Planning After Divorce  
Forbes.com, January 8, 2019

How to Maximize Your Year-End Charitable Gifts  
Forbes.com, December 19, 2018

How to Make Your Estate Plan Doomsday Ready  
Forbes.com, December 3, 2018

## News

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2025  
Boston Magazine , November 25, 2025

Day Pitney Adds Four Lateral Partners, Solidifying Firm as One of the Largest Private Client Teams in Boston  
June 1, 2023

## In The Media

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2024  
Boston magazine, November 19, 2024

Boston Magazine's Top Lawyers of 2023  
Boston Magazine, November 21, 2023

New Associations  
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, July 7, 2023

Day Pitney Adds 4 Ex-Burns & Levinson Attys in Boston  
Law360, June 5, 2023

Trusts and Estates – What to Expect from the Biden Administration  
February 2021

NPEPC Virtual Lunch Round Table Discussion  
September 2020

Fundamentals of Estate Planning – PART TWO  
May 2019

Ten Things to Know in Talking to Your Kids About Prenups  
February 2019

Probate Law for Paralegals  
June 2016

Coordinating Estate Plans and Business Assets  
October, 2015

Asset Protection Planning and Charitable Planning  
May 2015

Case Study: Succession Planning for Charlie and Sally Jones  
May 2015